

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: 2/19/03

Division: Airport

Bulk Item: Yes ☐ No ☒

Department: Airport

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**AGENDA ITEM WORDING:**

The Airport Director and the County Attorney's Office request direction from the Board on the enforcement of the lien against the Cuban biplane.

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**ITEM BACKGROUND:**

On November 11, 2002, Cuban defectors landed a biplane at the Key West International Airport. The FBI agent who responded to the scene ordered the Airport Director to secure the aircraft and a 20-foot perimeter around it. This required the posting of a deputy to guard the plane. Security was terminated when the Airport Director was unable to obtain further direction for or assistance with security for the plane from the Federal government.

The additional security cost \$15,949.18. In addition to the security costs, the County legal staff has spent 8 hours and incurred additional costs estimated at \$200.00 in perfecting the lien.

On January 13, 2003, Ana Margarita Martinez, the person who had the plane seized by the Sheriff to partially satisfy her judgment against the Cuban government, was the highest bidder at the auction with a bid of \$7000.00. She has requested an opportunity to address the Commission for the purpose of discussing options for resolving the lien. If the Board reaches no agreement with Ms. Martinez, Commission authorization would be necessary before an action to enforce the lien could be initiated.

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**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:**

On December 18, 2002, the Board voted to authorize the Airport and the County Attorney's office to assert a lien for \$15,949.18 against the plane for costs incurred in providing security. On January 15, 2003, the Board agreed to hear from Ms. Martinez' and/or her attorney at the February meeting.

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**CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:**

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

If no agreement is reached with respect to the lien, staff recommends instituting a foreclosure action to enforce the lien and/or authorizing staff to negotiate a settlement.

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**TOTAL COST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BUDGETED:** Yes ☐ No ☒

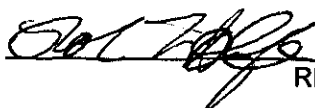
**COST TO COUNTY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**REVENUE PRODUCING:** Yes ☐ No ☐ **AMOUNT PER MONTH** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED BY:** County Atty ☒ OMB/Purchasing ☐ Risk Management ☐

**DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL:**



RICHARD COLLINS

**DOCUMENTATION:** Included ☐ To Follow ☐ Not Required ☒

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